

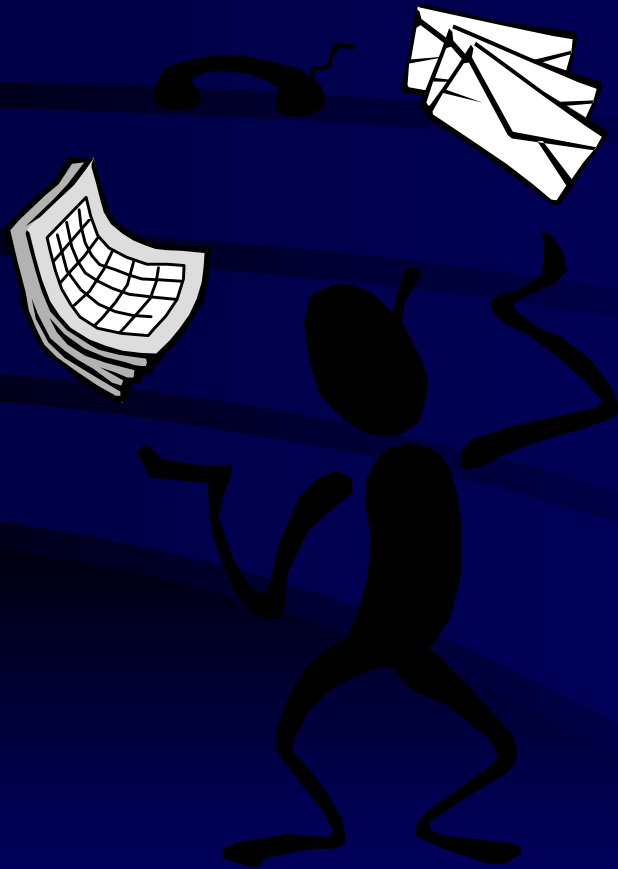
# Safeguarding the Children of Substance Misusing Parents in Primary Care

*The Torbay Approach*

# Working Together 2006

- *2.76 - The GP, practice-employed staff and the PHCT are also well placed to recognise when a parent or other adult has problems that may affect their capacity as a parent or carer, or that may mean they pose a risk of harm to a child. While GPs have responsibilities to all their patients, children may be particularly vulnerable and their welfare is paramount. If the PHCT has concerns that an adult's illness or behaviour may be causing, or putting a child at risk of, significant harm, they should follow the procedures set out in Chapter 5 of this guidance (summarised in What To Do If You're Worried A Child Is Being Abused). Page 57*

# Specialist Health Visitor Role



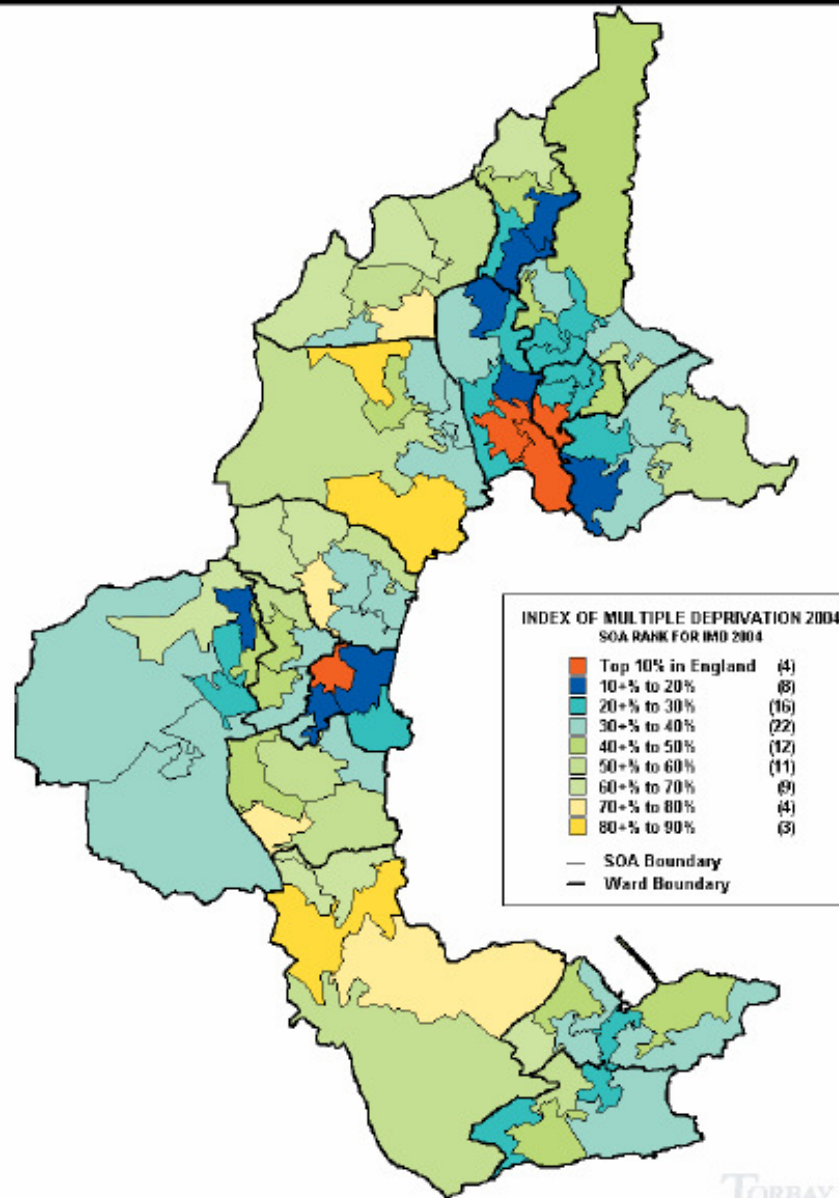
- *Strategic*
- *Training*
- *Case Work*

# Devon

- *Research By David Monk*
- *Ongoing Research B. Krull & A. Taylor.*
- *2 Devon-Wide Hidden Harm Conferences*
- *Shared Protocols*



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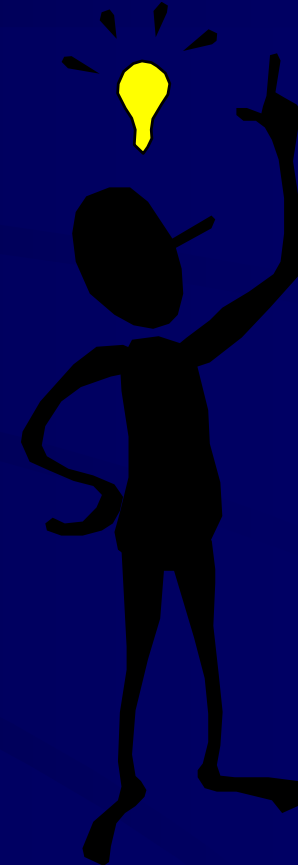
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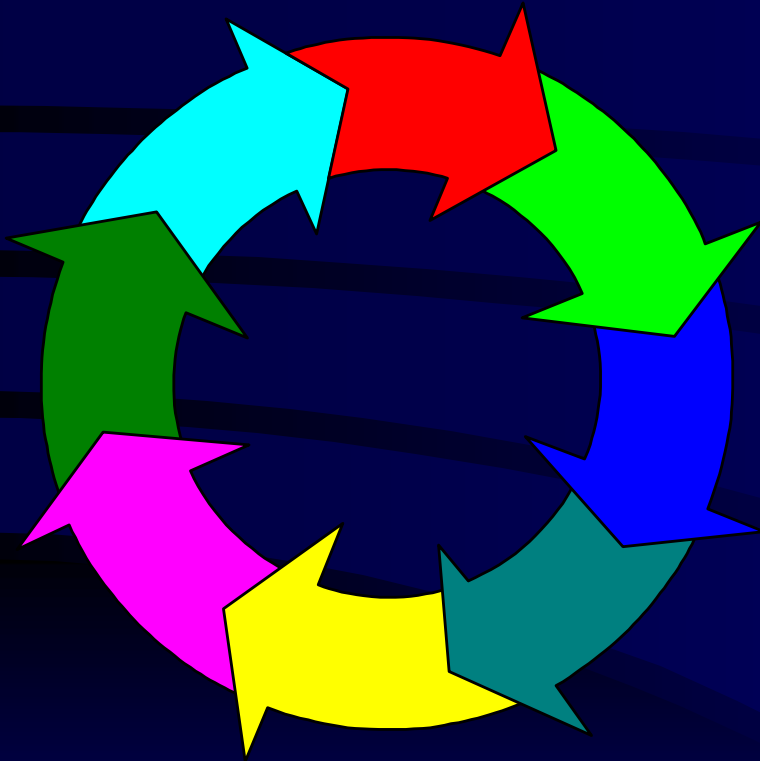
- *Universal (Tier 1&2)*
- *Targeted (Tier 3)*
- *Specialist (Tier 4)*



# Training

- *Hidden Harm Awareness*
- *Alcohol Concern Parenting Programme*
- *Substance Misuse and Safeguarding*
- *Risk and Resilience*
- *Carer Awareness*

# Key Issues



- *Child 24/7*
- *Client Focus*
- *Ability to parent  
v Substance*
- *One size does not fit all*
- *2 for 1*
- *Build on Strengths*

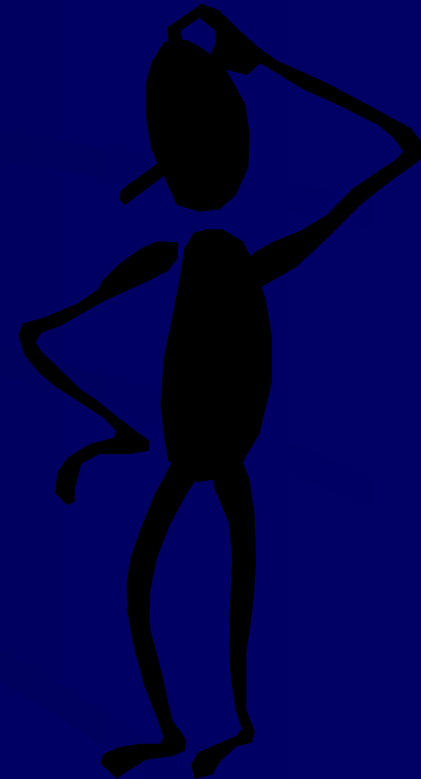
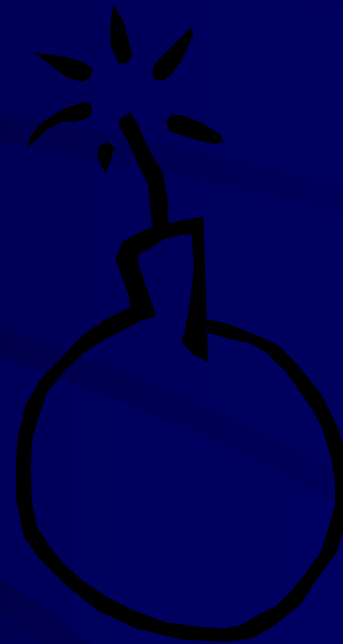
# Outcomes



- *Earlier Identification*
- *Data Collection*
- *Torbay Safeguarding Board Key Priority Area 2007-8*
- *Medication Boxes*
- *BBV Policy Children*

The worst you can do...

*... is Nothing*



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